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INCIDENTS INVOLVING FRENCH TROOPS WITH UNIFIL

1. UN SPOKESMAN HELD INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT
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8:00 PM ON MAY 2. HE INFORMED PRESS CORPS OF INCIDENTS
DESCRIBED BELOW AS REPORTED IN UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS
MESSAGE TO SYG WALDHEIM. SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WALDHEIM
WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE INCIDENTS AND WAS IN
URGENT CONTACT WITH PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT. ARAFAT HAS
GIVEN WALDHEIM ASSURANCES OF HIS COOPERATION. MEAN-
WHILE GENERAL ERSKINE IS RETURNING TO LEBANON IMMEDIATELY.

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2. INCIDENTS OF MAY 2 WERE DESCRIBED BY SPOKESMAN AS FOLLOWS:

- -- 1815 (ALL TIMES LOCAL) FRENCH VEHICLE AMBUSHED BY
- PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS, ABOUT THREE MILES FROM TYRE.
- ONE FRENCH SOLDIER WOUNDED. PLO REP WAS AT THE
- TIME IN FRENCH BARRACKS AT TYRE AND WENT WITH
- FRENCH CONTINGENT REP TO THE SCENE.

- -- 1830 PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS OPENED FIRE ON FRENCH
- BARRACKS AT TYRE, GENERAL EXCHANGE OF FIRE UNTIL
- ABOUT 1900 HOURS. SIX FRENCH SOLDIERS WERE
- WOUNDED AND ONE KILLED.

- -- 1920 FRENCH LIGHT ARMORED CAR REPORTED MISSING;
- UNTSO-OPERATED AMBULANCE DESPATCHED TO SEARCH
- FOR IT NORTH OF TYRE. UNTSO AMBULANCE DRIVER
- REPORTED MISSING AS WELL AS THREE FRENCH SOLDIERS
- IN ARMORED CAR.

- -- SLIGHTLY FRENCH CONTINGENT COMMANDER SALVANT
- ACCOMPANIED BY PLO REP DROVE IN PLO JEEP TO AREA
- WHERE ARMORED CAR REPORTED MISSING. SALVANT WAS
- FOLLOWED BY 2 FRENCH SOLDIERS IN UNIFIL JEEP.
- PLO JEEP WAS LATER FOUND RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

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- SALVANT WAS WOUNDED (NOW IN HOSPITAL IN BEIRUT)
- AND UNIFIL JEEP WITH 2 SOLDIERS
- IS MISSING. YOUNG

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